



Clarence Virgil Nye, Jr.

April 23, 1938 - December 19, 2025

Clarence "Butch" Nye passed away on the evening of December 19, 2025, at the age of 87. Butch is survived by his Wife of 64 years, Sharon, his Sisters, Mary Phillips and Patricia Wiley, His Daughter Yvonne (David) Staples, His sons, Robert (Eva), Steven (Anne), and Jason, Grandchildren Matthew (Abigail) and Annabelle Staples, Collin and Ryan Nye, Samuel Duran and Camille and Jensen Nye.

Butch was born in 1938 to Clarence and Geneva Nye, in Lansing, Michigan. A graduate of Eastern High School, and attendee of Michigan State University, Butch managed several A&P grocery stores and retired as the automotive technician at University Oldsmobile. A lifelong motorsports enthusiast, Butch was known to many in the Charlotte and Lansing community as an expert in classic cars and for his willingness to fix anyone's car for a burger and a beer. In retirement he built his own garage and restored dozens of classic cars for friends and family. A regular on the mid-Michigan car show circuit, Butch's work was widely known and respected throughout the classic car community.

Butch's shop was known throughout the Mid-Michigan area for "happy hour," when friends and fellow car enthusiasts would stop in for a quick tune-up, to float a new project, or to just have a beer and watch whatever sporting event was on that day. A lifelong Spartan, Tigers, Lions, Red Wings, Pistons, and Nascar fan, when not actively working on a car you could always find Butch in

his Shop or on his back porch, happy to share a cold beer and talk sports or life, whatever you needed.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, Charlotte. In Butch's memory, the family has established a Butch Nye Memorial Scholarship, for those pursuing Auto Mechanics at Lansing Community College. In lieu of flowers, the family is asking you to consider a donation to the scholarship fund using this link: www.lcc.edu/foundation/givenow/butch-nye.html Or, by check payable to LCC Foundation, 309 N. Washington Square, Suite 201, Lansing, MI 48933. Please indicate "Butch Nye Memorial Scholarship for Mechanics". The family is under the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Previous Events

Family Affirmation Service

APR 25. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Charlotte Eagles (FOE Aerie 3552)
116 Lansing St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Service

APR 25. 2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (ET)

Charlotte Eagles (FOE Aerie 3552)
116 Lansing St
Charlotte, MI 48813

Memorial Cruise

APR 25. 4:00 PM (ET)

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116 Lansing St
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Tribute Wall



“ 42 files added to the album *Tribute Photo*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 22 at 11:55 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Clarence Virgil Nye, Jr..*



April 22 at 09:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Clarence Virgil Nye, Jr..

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“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Video*



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - April 21 at 05:01 PM

CE

“ Sharon we're sorry about losing Butch I'm going to miss those special cousin hugs. Hope your family Christmas isn't just a sad one. Looking forward to talking to you I want to give some time. Bud and me are so sorry for your loss

Carolann and Bud Edwards - December 24, 2025 at 02:52 PM

JL

“ Butch and I became boyhood friends through our common interest in cars of the modified and customized variety. I talked about cars, he built them. He was my friend and I will sorely miss him. Godspeed, pal.



Jon w Lundberg - December 23, 2025 at 07:54 PM

LN

“ My condolences to you all. God Bless you.

Laurie (Sommer) Newland - December 20, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JG

Our condolences 🙏 to Sharon and the family on your loss.

Judy Glandon - December 20, 2025 at 09:56 PM

C(

I knew him as junior? So sorry for your loss. Praying for your family. 🙏



Carol Morris (cousin) - December 21, 2025 at 10:40 PM

BS

I am so fortunate to have been invited to join the Butch Nye group after retiring from teaching. I learned so much from Butch and his friends. I will miss him tremendously and the afternoons get togethers outside the garage. An outstanding person and a virtual encyclopedia on cars and above all an outstanding person. Butch lost a good friend in Bruce Milke just days before so this is a great loss to the guys that knew them. I will miss Butch.

Bill Simpson - December 22, 2025 at 11:16 AM

SS

I will miss Mr Neighborhood. He was always there whenever you needed anything while to joke around or fix your window when it wouldn't go down. The Neighborhood won't be the same i was lucky to grow up next to him and for the friendship he gave my parents. I will miss seeing him next door

Shelby Skelton - December 22, 2025 at 03:21 PM